- 1 AN ACT
- 2 relating to the creation of an electronic platform and submission
- 3 portal, known as My Texas Future, to facilitate public high school
- 4 students' awareness of and application to institutions of higher
- 5 education using the electronic common admission application form.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. Section 28.025(c), Education Code, is amended to
- 8 read as follows:
- 9 (c) A person may receive a diploma if the person is eligible
- 10 for a diploma under Section 28.0251. In other cases, a student may
- 11 graduate and receive a diploma only if:
- 12 (1) the student successfully completes the curriculum
- 13 requirements identified by the State Board of Education under
- 14 Subsection (a) and complies with Sections 28.0256, 28.0257, and
- 15 39.025; or
- 16 (2) the student successfully completes an
- 17 individualized education program developed under Section 29.005.
- 18 SECTION 2. Subchapter B, Chapter 28, Education Code, is
- 19 amended by adding Section 28.0257 to read as follows:
- 20 <u>Sec. 28.0257. DIRECT ADMISSIONS DATA SHARING OPT-IN</u>
- 21 ELECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION. (a) In this section:
- 22 (1) "Coordinating board" means the Texas Higher
- 23 Education Coordinating Board.
- 24 (2) "Institution of higher education" has the meaning

- 1 assigned by Section 61.003.
- 2 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (c), before graduating
- 3 from high school, each student must elect whether to opt in to
- 4 allowing the coordinating board to share the student's data and
- 5 education records, as necessary, with institutions of higher
- 6 education to allow the student to participate in the direct
- 7 admissions program established by the coordinating board pursuant
- 8 to Section 61.0511(b)(2).
- 9 (c) A student is not required to comply with Subsection (b)
- 10 if:
- 11 (1) the student's parent or other person standing in
- 12 parental relation submits a signed form indicating that the parent
- 13 or other person authorizes the student to decline to complete and
- 14 submit information necessary to participate in a program offered
- 15 under Subsection (b);
- 16 (2) the student signs and submits the form described
- 17 by Subdivision (1) on the student's own behalf if the student is 18
- 18 years of age or older or the student's disabilities of minority have
- 19 been removed for general purposes under Chapter 31, Family Code; or
- 20 (3) a school counselor authorizes in writing the
- 21 student to decline to complete and submit the information necessary
- 22 to participate in a program offered under Subsection (b).
- 23 <u>(d) Each school district or open-enrollment charter school</u>
- 24 shall use a form adopted by the coordinating board, in consultation
- 25 with the Texas Education Agency, to allow a student to opt out
- 26 pursuant to Subsection (c). The form shall:
- 27 (1) provide the student or the student's parent or

- 1 other person standing in parental relation, as applicable, the
- 2 opportunity to elect whether to share the student's data or
- 3 education records, as necessary, with institutions of higher
- 4 education to facilitate the student's participation in a program
- 5 offered under Subsection (b); and
- 6 (2) be made available in English, Spanish, and any
- 7 other language spoken by a majority of the students enrolled in a
- 8 bilingual education or special language program under Subchapter B,
- 9 Chapter 29, in the district or school.
- SECTION 3. Section 51.763, Education Code, is amended by
- 11 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 12 (d) Each institution of higher education shall publish
- 13 prominently on its admission application website a link to
- 14 MyTexasFuture.Org or its successor electronic platform and provide
- 15 notice to students that they may apply to the institution using the
- 16 electronic common admission application form found in
- 17 ApplyTexas.Org or via MyTexasFuture.Org.
- 18 SECTION 4. Subchapter C, Chapter 61, Education Code, is
- 19 amended by adding Section 61.0511 to read as follows:
- Sec. 61.0511. DIRECT ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID PORTAL AT
- 21 MYTEXASFUTURE.ORG. (a) The board shall create, maintain, and
- 22 administer an electronic platform and submission portal, known as
- 23 My Texas Future (MyTexasFuture.Org), to facilitate the awareness
- 24 and application of students into institutions of higher education.
- 25 (b) My Texas Future, or any successor electronic platform
- 26 <u>established pursuant to this section, shall include:</u>
- 27 (1) a link or direct submission portal to the

- 1 electronic common admission application form adopted and
- 2 established pursuant to Subchapter S, Chapter 51;
- 3 (2) a direct admissions program that lists
- 4 institutions of higher education to which a student may be directly
- 5 admitted based on the student's profile and information;
- 6 (3) to the greatest extent possible, a list of
- 7 financial aid awards that a student may be eligible to receive based
- 8 on the student's profile and information; and
- 9 (4) the data required by Section 61.09022 to assist
- 10 students in assessing the value of postsecondary credentials by
- 11 program.
- 12 <u>(c)</u> A Texas school district or an open-enrollment charter
- 13 school shall as part of the high school registration process
- 14 annually notify, in a manner prescribed by board rule, each parent
- 15 or quardian of a student who has earned at least three high school
- 16 course credits or not later than the end of a student's first
- 17 semester of ninth grade:
- 18 (1) of the option to create or update annually a
- 19 profile and account in My Texas Future;
- 20 (2) that a student or their parent is permitted to
- 21 update or revise their own profile in My Texas Future;
- 22 (3) that a student or parent of a student who creates a
- 23 profile and account under this section, may opt out of one or more
- 24 programs offered under Subsection (b); and
- 25 (4) of the graduation requirement under Section
- 26 28.0257 for a student or parent to indicate whether the student
- 27 wishes to opt in to allowing the board to share the student's data

- 1 and educational records with institutions of higher education for
- 2 the purpose of participating in the direct admissions program
- 3 established under Subsection (b)(2).
- 4 (d) The Texas Education Agency and the board shall jointly
- 5 prepare and post on their respective Internet websites a
- 6 publication that includes the information required to be provided
- 7 under Subsection (c) in a form that enables a school district or
- 8 open-enrollment charter school to reproduce the publication for
- 9 distribution under that subsection.
- 10 (e) The Texas Education Agency and each Texas public school
- 11 district or open-enrollment charter school shall make the data
- 12 available to the board necessary to administer this section.
- (f) The board may adopt rules necessary to implement this
- 14 section.
- 15 (g) The board may share a student's contact information in
- 16 MyTexasFuture.Org with an institution of higher education unless
- 17 the student opts out of sharing the student's contact information.
- 18 Any student information shared with an institution of higher
- 19 education is confidential pursuant to Subsection (1). The board
- 20 shall ensure that a student may opt out of sharing the student's
- 21 contact information with an institution of higher education.
- (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except as
- 23 provided by this section, information that relates to a current,
- 24 former, or prospective applicant or student of an educational
- 25 institution and that is obtained, received, or held by the board for
- 26 the purpose of administering this section or otherwise providing
- 27 assistance with access to postsecondary education is confidential

- 1 and excepted from disclosure under Chapter 552, Government Code,
- 2 and may only be released in conformity with the Family Educational
- 3 Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g). The board
- 4 may withhold information prohibited from being disclosed under this
- 5 subsection without requesting a decision from the attorney general
- 6 under Subchapter G, Chapter 552, Government Code.
- 7 SECTION 5. Section 61.0511, Education Code, as added by
- 8 this Act, applies beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year.
- 9 SECTION 6. Section 28.025, Education Code, as amended by
- 10 this Act, and Section 28.0257, Education Code, as added by this Act,
- 11 apply beginning with the 2026-2027 academic year.
- 12 SECTION 7. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
- 13 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 14 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
- 15 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 16 Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

President of the Senate Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2314 passed the Senate of
April 29, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.
Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.B. No. 2314 passed the House of
May 6, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 134, Nays 14, on
present not voting.
Chief Clerk of the House
Approved:
 Date
Governor